Malfunctioning of Paryatan Vigar Group Housing Society, Delhi.

1190. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the malfunctioning of the Paryatan Vihar Cooperative Group Housing Society its originally estimated cost of the project has already crossed Rs. 7 crores ;

(b) if not, the cost of 515 dwelling unit housing projects based on preliminary estimates prepared by the Architect for the whole project ; the cost as submitted by different contractors in their tender documents ; cost as finally accepted of a particular contracting firm(t) ; and work awarded alongwith main terms and conditions ; and

(c) what was the cost and type of accommodat'on assured for each type of category as per preliminary estimates of Society ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c) These are internal matters of the Soc.ety and do not come within the jurisdiction of the Government as these do not constitute violation of the Act and Rules by which the Societies are governed or that of the terms and conditions of lease.

REFERENCE TO THE COUNTERMANDING OF BYE-ELECTION IN MEHAM DUE TO MURDER OF A CANDIDATE

SHRI SURESH KALMADI (Maharashtra) : The Government has been exposed. (*Interruptions*) You do not want a discussion on the murder of the candidate. (*Interruptions*)

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): MR. Chairman, Sir, what has happened in Meham yesterday is one of the blackest chapters in the Indian democracy.

The Chief Minister who is one of the contestants from Meham, has been playing tricks with the constituency right from the beginning. The Chief Minister who is seeking election from two constituencies, one from Darba Kalan and the other from Meham, was sure to lose in this constituency. The Chief Minister belongs to the ruling party which speaks of and on about value-based politics. The evidence of their value-based politics is that the ruling party and its associates do not realise the gravity of the incident that has taken place yesterday, and their insistence on voting and not supporting us to discuss this issue suspending the Question Hour which, is a demonstration of their thinking and their sermons on value-based politics that oft and on they give in this House and outside!

They have not been able to take any action against their Chief Minister so far for the manner in which deliberately the election in Meham has been got countermended. I would like to go that far to say and I would like that responsible persons from the ruling party should realise it. Last month when one of the Chief Ministers of their own party I would like to give name so that there is on confusion about it—Mr. Biju Patnaik, when asked the Chief Minister of Haryana as to why he was interested in contesting from two constituencies, the answer given by Mr. Chautala was that in any case the election in Meham would be countermanded. This means the Chief Minister of Haryana, who is contesting from Meham, had been planning right from the beginning knowing fully well that Meham is going to be his Waterloo. He had been planning to see that the elections do not take place in Meham. If he did not want his defeat should occur in Meham, perhaps there were some civilised ways for the Chief Minister to adopt. He should have got his own nomination rejected. But they would like to present the things in the crudest from as the ruling party has been doing.

They have been highly vindictive, harassing, filing FIRs from time to time, arresting people indiscriminately and trying to file all types of cases. In fact, yesterday we have seen in this House how the things have come about. Even the Members of this House were not sought to be spared from cases and they talk about value-based politics. This Chief Minister. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI (Gujrat) : Sir, I am on a point of order. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN : He can raise the point of order.

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI : The hon. Leader of the Opposition has just mentioned about the Members. There was only one Member.

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE (Maharastra) : Is it a point of order ?